

**657—1.3(17A,272C) Responsibilities.** The responsibilities of the board include but are not limited to:

1. Licensing of qualified applicants for the practice of pharmacy, by examination, renewal, and reciprocity under the provisions of Iowa Code chapters 147 and 155A.
2. Administering a continuing education program to ensure continued competency of individuals licensed by the board to practice pharmacy. Authority for this function comes from Iowa Code chapter 272C.
3. Regulating the legal distribution of prescription drugs through the licensing of pharmacies, wholesale distributors, limited distributors, outsourcing facilities, and third-party logistics providers under the authority of Iowa Code chapter 155A.
4. Regulating the legal distribution of controlled substances through the registration of authorized persons and entities engaged in the manufacture and distribution of controlled substances throughout the state under the authority of Iowa Code chapter 124.
5. Registering pharmacist-interns and administering an internship program to prepare individuals for the practice of pharmacy pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code chapter 155A.
6. Registering pharmacy technicians assisting in the technical functions of the practice of pharmacy pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code chapter 155A.
7. Performing compliance investigations and audits of all persons or entities registered pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 124 and compliance inspections and investigations of any persons or entities licensed or registered pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 155A. These investigations and audits are conducted to ensure accountability for all controlled substances and to ensure compliance with laws regulating the practice of pharmacy and the distribution of prescription drugs and devices in Iowa.
8. Regulating the legal distribution of precursor substances through the issuance of permits to vendors and recipients of precursor substances throughout the state under the authority of Iowa Code chapter 124B.
9. Instituting disciplinary actions, hearing contested cases, issuing decisions and orders, and enforcing the terms of disciplinary orders filed against licensees, registrants, or permit holders for grounds provided in Iowa Code sections 124.303, 124.304, 124B.12, 147.55, 155A.6, 155A.6A, 155A.6B, 155A.12, 155A.13, 155A.13A, 155A.15, 155A.17, 155A.17A, and 155A.42 as appropriate.
10. Registering pharmacy support persons assisting in the nontechnical functions of the practice of pharmacy pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code chapter 155A.
11. Registering pharmacists in charge of nonresident pharmacies pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code chapter 155A.

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